

LABOR'S OPINION OF WILSON

After Four Years as President of the United States

Republican spell binders, pen pushers and advertisement writers, are seeking to make capital out of a speech made by Woodrow Wilson, while president of Princeton University, in 1909—as though that had brought the end of the world. He criticised organized labor.

Samuel Gompers, Grand old man of the American labor movement, and president of the American Federation of labor, and through years of confidence reposed in him by 2,500,000 workmen, better qualified to speak for labor than any other living man, said at the High School Auditorium, South Bend, Oct. 26, 1916:—

"Since he has been president, Wilson has changed. Divorced from the theories of the college chair and brought into direct contact with the world's real needs, he now believes that the greatest asset of this republic is its men, women and children. Mr. Hughes, too, has changed. He shows a disposition to repudiate now even those few bills bettering labor conditions of which he once approved. In any of the statements of Pres't Wilson uttered from the time of his inaugural speech to his last address at Shadow Lawn, you will find that there breathes a spirit of freedom and justice to laborers and to the masses of humanity. Here I hold in my hand a 16-page pamphlet containing only the titles of the laws passed by the congress of the United States and signed by Pres't Wilson in the interests of the rights to which the toilers are entitled. These prove his reformation sufficient for us; sufficient for latter day sincerity."

Mr. Gompers, on another occasion, gave the following additional as

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After six years as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

"By his concurrence in the Danbury Hatters and Buck Stove decisions, he did to the labor movement in America exactly what the Dred Scott decision did to the anti-slavery movement of ante-bellum days. Neither decision was necessary. Both established a new and dangerous precedent. It was accordingly the result of a condition of the mind. They were the application of capitalistic ideals to laws theretofore unconstrued as to the particular state of facts—same as the Dred Scott decision was, and this regardless of Mr. Hughes' 1916 appropriation of Chief Justice Taney's appendix.

"Labor can thank heaven that we did not have to wait for war, or for a constitutional amendment, as did the southern slaves, to free us from the effects of this decision. We had Woodrow Wilson and a democratic congress. They gave us the Clayton amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law, and now no longer can workers be denounced as criminals, and their homes be taken from them, or their right of free speech be destroyed, merely because of a fight they are making to better their conditions. We are done with government by injunction,—unless Mr. Hughes transferred from the supreme bench to the white house, is empowered to thrust the old yoke back upon us."

News-Times Advertisement

BARNHART URGES WILSON RETURNED

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He is making no promises. He is only growling.

"The good roads law which the democrats have passed benefits the city as well as the country people. I have advocated a good roads law because the city people had left the entire burden upon the country people until the democrats came into power. We passed a law appropriating \$85,000,000 for building up roads over which the mail is carried and Indiana is going to get nearly \$1,000,000 of this amount.

Defends Eight Hour Bill.
Mr. Barnhart defended the Adamson eight hour law, saying that the responsibility of the railroad man required that he work only eight hours. He said that by the time the commission reports on its investigation of the eight hour bill a law will have been passed preventing the possibility of another crisis such as the country faced at the time of the threatened railroad trouble.

The Mexican situation, the children's bureau law, the anti-child labor law and other democratic measures were discussed.

"I have been your representative in congress for eight years," he said. When I made my first campaign I said that I would vote for all good legislation regardless of the party that introduced it and that I would vote against all bad legislation, regardless of the party that introduced it. The personal misfortunes of life have almost taken the political ambition out of me, but if you people want to send me back to congress as your representative I shall serve you as I have in the past.

"My progressive friends, you were in earnest two and four years ago when you demanded progressive policies and progressive legislation, were you not? And you got it from the democratic administration.

"You wanted an income tax law, which Mr. Hughes tried to defeat in New York, and you got it. You demanded election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. You got it.

"You urged abrogation of bossism in congress. You got it.

"You declared for publicity of campaign funds. You got it.

"You asked for clean election and primaries through corrupt practice legislation. You got it.

"You asked for federal trade commission to regulate unfair business. You got it.

"You declared for an anti-trust law. You got it.

"You proclaimed your desire for a tariff commission. You got it.

"You declared for better and safer banking laws. You got them.

"You declared for short hours for labor, for the children's bureau and for the restriction of child labor, and you got all three of them.

"You were loudly in favor of conservation of national resources and you got it.

Safety for Labor.

"You wanted more safety for labor and a workmen's compensation law. The democrats gave them to you in both state and nation.

"You asked for better pensions for old soldiers and their widows and the democratic program has given that.

"You favored good roads legislation and congress has passed a splendid act giving government aid of one-half toward good road making.

"You declared for larger possibilities for agriculture education and our Leever law meets you there.

"Indeed, many of your platform planks of two and four years ago were similar to the democratic platform and I feel quite sure that the democrats have done all they promised and gone farther and enacted many of your policies into law.

"And now some progressives are turning their backs on safe and progressive Woodrow Wilson and returning to the stand-pat organization of Root, Lodge, Reed, Smoot, Murray, Crane, Jim Hemenway, Jim Watson, Jim Goodrich and Harry New. Just how you can do this and keep faith with your positions of two and four years ago surpasses my understanding and I don't believe you are going to do it.

Sweet Home.

"The black pall of war hangs over the leading countries of the old world like a funeral grief. You have read the awful reports of the destruction of lands and property which the axes cannot reproduce; of the thousands of millions of useful men and boys being shot to death; of the rivers floating full of the bloating dead; of the sickening sorrow that besets nearly every one of the homes of this war-cursed land. You have stood in fear and trembling lest our own blessed happiness and prosperity be suddenly changed into murderous ruin. You mothers who have given suffering and self denial and sleepless nights that your husbands and your boys may be a comfort to you in the valley and shadow of old age, you know what the dread of war means and you know how thankful you are every day of your life that your family is at home with you instead of in the foul smelling deadly trenches of war. And this blessed night in twenty million homes in America the fathers and mothers can gather about their children and thank Woodrow Wilson for working heroically to preserve our honor and at the same time preserve peace and happiness in our country. Oh, it's easy for Hughes and his stand-pat followers to sneer and criticize and abuse but when we have a president who thinks more of the value of your boy's lifeblood than he does of the speculative possessions of the Hearsts, DuPonts and Morgans in

Mexico and who leads us in safety through shot and shell and hell all about us you are incomparably safer than if you had a man in the presidential chair ready to order you to war that greed or personal ambition might be gratified.

What Wilson Did.

"Don't forget that Wilson's cool head and steady hand have guided us safely through whirlpools of war and panic, don't forget that his policies have given our people larger opportunities for well being than ever before and don't forget that you take a desperate chance when you vote to change our peace and our prosperity from what you and I know to be in safe hands into the keeping of those who would change all that has been done. No living man knows so much of the complex conditions and the why's and wherefores of them as Woodrow Wilson and when you vote to re-elect him you vote for a continuation of peace, prosperity and home sweet home."

"Why it is that for the first time within the recollection of any man here we have no business scare and calamity howl in this campaign? You know why it is. It is because the tariff has been so fairly revised that manufacturers cannot complain, for they have more orders than they can fill. The democratic tariff commission assures the business world that the tariff question shall no longer be used as a party football by politicians.

Trade Commission.
"The democratic federal trade commission assures business men of all classes that they cannot be imposed upon by combinations of 'big business.' The democratic banking and currency law makes bankers safe, makes depositors in the banks safe, and as a result of this confidence, nobody fears hard times and the banks are overflowing with money and the people in all walks of life are prosperous and happy. The price of farm products and widespread activity in industrial lines have everybody up and doing and business is the best today it has been in 50 years.

"Our stand-pat republican friends have always stood ready to crow over prosperity as the direct result of their being in office but now that the democrats are in power and prosperity is rolling the highest ever, they concede no credit whatever to the wholesome democratic legislation which is fair deal to all and thereby makes business lively.

Hughes Not Fair.

"Even the republican candidate for president, who but recently left the U. S. supreme court to mix in politics, is not fair to the democrats. He steadfastly refuses to admit in his speeches that any of the many wholesome democratic laws are commendable. There's the income tax law, the tariff commission law, the law giving both soldiers and their widows pensions, the banking and currency law, the children's bureau and the anti-child labor law, the fair trade commission law, the government aid to good roads law, the agriculture extension law and many, many other acts of legislation that the people had been asking for for years. Not one of these good laws does Mr. Hughes approve. Don't you believe he means to wipe them all out and go back to the class legislation the republicans gave us when they were in power. I believe he will for he has always heretofore stood with the big financiers of Wall street and he acts like he will do it if elected president.

Why Change?

"Woodrow Wilson has made a progressive and safe president. His policies have given us great prosperity and kept us out of war. Why change from a tried and true man to Hughes who steadfastly refuses to tell what legislation he will repeal and what he will do if elected."

"The rural credits law" will put the farmer on an equal footing with corporations in the matter of low rates of interest on loans.

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"The democratic house gave you old soldiers the Sherwood pension law that increased all of your rates and gave most of you a dollar a day. It passed an increase soldiers' widows pension law giving all widows over 70 years, \$20 per month instead of \$12. The house has passed a bill giving pensions to the widows of Spanish-American soldiers and I hope and believe the senate will enact it into law. Also the new military law provides that if men leave dependent families when they assume military duty the government will make an allowance sufficient to keep such families from want. All of this adds to preparedness if trouble should come, for those who go to the front will be assured that the government will take care of their dependent ones."

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